

HOUSE BILL 2162  
By Fitzhugh

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Titles 4, 63, 67 and 68 relative to health providers, health care services and taxation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. There is created a special committee to study the funding of health care service in this state.

SECTION 2. The committee is charged with the study of methods and means of funding health care services to the citizens of this state. The committee shall study funding mechanisms for the TennCare program. The committee may explore and study methods and means of funding health care services as used in other states.

SECTION 3. The committee shall consist of three (3) members of the house of representatives, three (3) members of the senate, to be appointed by the respective speakers, and three (3) members from the citizens of this state to be appointed by the governor.

SECTION 4. The department of revenue and comptroller of the treasury shall serve as staff for the committee. All state agencies shall provide assistance to the committee upon request of the chair.

SECTION 5. The committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the general assembly; and at its first meeting the committee shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

SECTION 6. The special joint committee shall report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation to the governor and the general assembly by January 15, 2006, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.